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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, November 4, 2011
Date/Time of Occurrence: Thursday, November 3, 2011
Nature of Event: Three Arrested Stripping Copper Wire
Location of Call: Dyer Lane, West Roseville, CA
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Three local men were caught red-handed by Placer County Sheriff's deputies Thursday morning as they stripped copper wiring in a field in West Roseville. It's not known where the trio obtained the copper wiring.

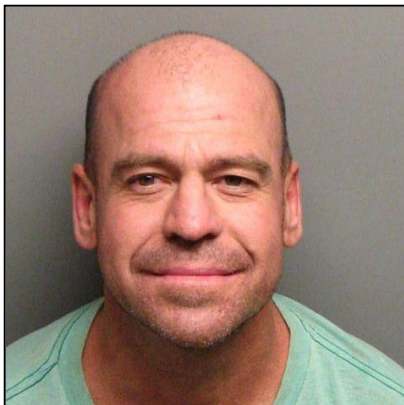
PG&E workers called Placer County Sheriff's dispatch at 9:43 a.m. to report that three men were loading copper wire into the trunk of their car in a field off of Dyer Lane in West Roseville. The men didn't see the first deputy drive into the field until the deputy got about 200 yards away.

The suspects, Shane Michael Quinlan, 20, of Auburn, Dennis Michael O'Brien, 48, of Colfax, and Joseph Michael Taylor, 27, also of Colfax, initially told deputies they were just looking for a place to hang out. But a large amount of evidence was gathered around the car, which included knives, numerous bundles and rolls of stripped copper wire and gloves. Inside the car, deputies found pliers with wire-cutting blades and a small amount of marijuana. The total weight of the stripped copper was 72 pounds; 48 pounds of wire that had not yet been stripped was also found. Wire theft has become a major problem as thieves sell stripped copper wire to recyclers for cash.

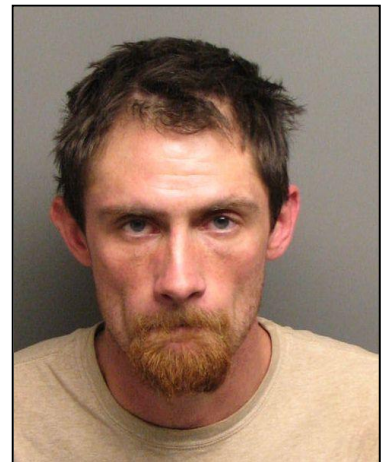
All three suspects were booked at the Placer County Jail on charges of conspiracy and possessing stolen property. Quinlan was additionally charged with committing a felony while on bail.



Shane M. Quinlan



Dennis M. O'Brien



Joseph M. Taylor